

ABSTRACT

A method of identifying a compound that induces apoptosis is disclosed. The method includes identifying compounds that inhibit the expression and/or activity of a target. Also disclosed are methods for inducing apoptosis by inhibiting one of the targets.

- 5 The invention further includes methods for the diagnosis of a tumor that include determining the level of at least one of the targets as a biomarker in a patient sample, the level of the biomarker being indicative of the presence of tumor cells.